

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 2, 3, 4 and 15.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 14 and 16 by rewriting as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable mud pumping apparatus comprising:

a material bin having downward sloping sides and a bottom section;

[[an]] a bidirectional auger in said bottom section of said material bin;

a pump assembly having a plurality of pump chambers each of said pump chambers having [[and]] a pump ram for drawing mud into each of said pump chambers and pushing said mud out of each of said pump chambers;

a one-way valve assembly connecting said material bin and said pump assembly;

a hydraulic cylinder having a hydraulic cylinder ram; and

a pump ram cap fixedly attaching each of said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram such that said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram operate in unison.

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5. (Currently Amended) A portable mud pumping apparatus as in claim [[4]] 1 further comprising a hydraulic pump connected to said auger and said hydraulic cylinder.

6. (Previously Amended) A portable mud pumping apparatus as in claim 5 further comprising an engine connected to said hydraulic

pump.

7. (Original) A portable mud pumping apparatus as in claim 6 further comprising a mud delivery hose connected to said pump assembly.

8. (Original) A portable mud pumping apparatus as in claim 7 wherein said apparatus is truck mounted.

9. (Original) A portable mud pumping apparatus having a holding bin attached to a mud pump assembly said mud pump assembly comprising:

a plurality of pump chambers, each of said pump chambers having a pump ram extending out of each of said pump chamber;

a primary hydraulic cylinder having a hydraulic cylinder ram extending out of said cylinder;

a pump ram cap fixedly attaching said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram such that said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram operate in unison; and

a pump manifold connecting each of said pump chambers to said holding bin.

10. (Original) A mud pump assembly as in claim 9 wherein said pump manifold further comprises a forward one way valve that controls the flow of mud from said holding bin into said pump assembly.

11. (Original) A mud pump assembly as in claim 10 wherein said manifold further defines a manifold pipe having an attached mud delivery hose.

12. (Original) A mud pump assembly as in claim 11 wherein said pump manifold further comprises a rearward one way valve that controls the flow of mud from said pump assembly to said mud delivery hose.

13. (Original) A mud pump assembly as in claim 12 further comprising a hydraulic pump attached to said hydraulic cylinder.

14. (Currently Amended) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus comprising:

a material bin having downward sloping sides and a bottom section;

an auger in said bottom section of said material bin;

a pump assembly having a plurality of pump chambers each of said chambers having [[and]] a pump ram for drawing said mud into said pump chambers and pushing said mud out of said pump chambers;

a hydraulic cylinder having a hydraulic cylinder ram;

a pump ram cap fixedly attaching said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram such that said pump rams and said hydraulic cylinder ram operate in unison;

a hydraulic pump; and

a hydraulic control manifold having a plurality of attached hydraulic lines so as to interconnect said auger and said hydraulic cylinder and said hydraulic pump.

15. (Deleted)

16. (Currently Amended) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus as in claim [[15]] 14 further comprising an engine connected to said hydraulic pump.

17. (Original) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus as in claim 16 further comprising a pump manifold connecting each of said pump chambers to said holding bin.

18. (Original) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus as in claim 17 wherein said pump manifold further comprises a forward one way valve that controls the flow of mud from said

holding bin into said pump assembly.

19. (Original) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus as in claim 18 wherein said manifold further defines a manifold pipe having an attached mud delivery hose.

20. (Original) A portable truck mounted mud pumping apparatus as in claim 19 wherein said pump manifold further comprises a rearward one way valve that controls the flow of mud from said pump assembly to said mud delivery hose.